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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges approved in the country particularly in Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh, Sawai Madhopur and Karauli district of Rajasthan and Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges out of them set up in the country particularly in the said districts and the State;

(c) the time by which the remaining telephone exchanges are likely to be setup; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) 5045 numbers of Telephone Exchanges were planned in the country during the last three years (i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000), out of which 15 exchanges were planned in Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh, 6 exchanges in Sawai Madhopur, 6 exchanges in Karauli district of Rajasthan and 720 exchanges in Maharashtra.

(b) 5522 telephone exchanges were setup in the country during the said period, out of which 15 were set up in Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh, 6 each were setup in Sawai Madhopur and Karauli district of Rajasthan and 809 in Maharashtra respectively.

(c) The overall target for opening of exchanges has been achieved in the country except in MTNL Delhi where only 11 exchanges could not be commissioned and are likely to be commissioned during current financial year.

(d) The fund allocated for Telephone Exchanges for the country during the last three years was Rs. 27593.63 crores(BSNL - Rs. 24643.53 & MTNL - Rs. 2950.10) which also includes Rs. 2639.46 crores for Uttar Pradesh, Rs. 1142.36 crores for Rajasthan and Rs. 2511.18 crores for Maharashtra.